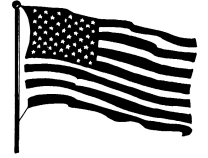




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Massillon Council 554



Knights of Columbus

November - December, 2017

Grand Knight's Report

By Gary Lamielle, Grand Knight

Well November has arrived and fall is in full swing. This is the start of the holiday season. Please read the bulletin to see all of the wonderful things going on at your council and club. Try to make time to come out have a meal and enjoy time with friends here at the KofC.

On November 28 we will be holding our council memorial mass for our deceased members who passed away during this past year. Our chaplain Msgr. Kolp will be the celebrant for the mass so please try to attend and honor our brother Knights and Columbian Lady's.

As we all know the month of November we celebrate Thanksgiving. Growing up, a nun told us every day is Thanksgiving for God gives us something every day to be thankful for. Please try to come out for a meeting we have a good time and you get a chance to socialize with your brother Knights. If you are looking for a unique gift for the holidays why not sponsor a friend or family member to become a Knight of Columbus member this truly is a gift that keeps giving.

Our council lottery calendars are available for sale again another great gift which really helps our council.

I would like to leave you with a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things. As always please pray the Rosary we need it more than ever. She never turns her back on her children who ask for her help. Kyrie Eleison on our families, our country and the world.

May Pax be with us all. Merry Christmas!

Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Tues: 7:00 PM

Club Room Hours

Mon-Tues-Wed: 4-11 PM

Thu-Fri-Sat: 4-12 AM

What's Happening in...

.....November, 2017

- 1 *All Saints Day*
- 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 7 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting
- 8 1:00 PM Bloodmobile
- 9 7:00 PM Stark County Chapter
- 11 *Veterans Day*
- 11 6:00 PM Nite at the Races
- 14 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 15 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 21 5:00 PM MKF Clubroom Dinner
- 6:30 PM Program Director's Meeting
- 7:00 PM Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 23 *Thanksgiving*
- 28 7:00 PM Council Memorial Mass (with Col Ladies)
- 29 7:00 PM **Admission/1st Degree (DVD)**

.....December, 2017

- 2 6:00 PM 4th Degree Ball
- 5 7:00 PM 4th Degree Meeting; Tom & Jerry Party
- 6 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*
- 12 7:00 PM Reg. Council Meeting
- 7:30 PM Council Christmas Party
- 16 10:00AM Breakfast with St. Nick
- 19 6:00 PM Columbian Ladies Christmas Party
- 20 6:30 PM Special Officer & Trustee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Squires Meeting
- 25 *Christmas*
- 27 7:00 PM **Admission/1st Degree (DVD)**
- 31 *New Years Eve*

Chaplain's Report

By Msgr James Kolp

This month of November is special in so many ways. We begin the month with the Feast of All Saints. This day is often crowded out by the ghosts and goblins and zombies of Hallowe'en. What we need to remember is that the word "hallow" means "holy" and the word "e'en" means "evening". Hallowe'en means "Holy Evening"-the night before All Saints Day. On All Saints Day we think of our own patron saints and the many others who have given us such good example. Rarely is a child named after a saint anymore. Almost all of you who read this article are named after a saint. I encourage you to do what I do. If I happen to meet a lady who is expecting, I ask her if she has picked out a name for the new baby. If she has not, I suggest that she name her child after a saint. There are hundreds of names to pick from.

On All Souls Day (November 2) we remember our deceased loved ones and entrust them to God. Some time ago I spent some time in the room in our hall that has the photos of all of our former Grand Knights. What a great group they are. I remember our Grand Knights all the way back to 1974. Please keep those who are deceased and all of our Brother Knights who are deceased in your prayers.

Have a great month.

Council 554's Annual Memorial Mass

November 28 at 7 pm.

Council 554 will remember our deceased members over the last year with our Annual Memorial Mass on Tuesday, November 28, at 7 PM. The Mass is held at our Massillon Knights Hall and our celebrant will be Reverend Msgr. James Kolp. All members are most welcomed to attend. We will have a light meal afterwards.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the clubroom.



Enjoying the recent Kelly Miller Circus at our council in July were, from left to right, Father Richard Notter, Chaplain for all U. S. circuses, Msgr. James Kolp Council 554 Chaplain and Father Donald Feicht,

Massillon Council 554**2017- 2018 Officers & Trustees**

Chaplain	Msgr. James Kolp	871-8346
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St Joseph	Dea. Randy Smith, PGK	323-5904
St Barbara	Ray Tully	837-4877

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Fraternal Report

By Ken Girt, PGK

On Our Sick List: Gerald Meyer, Bill Ringley, Ron Blogna, Bill Hamit, Ron Kurpieski, Jim Kracker, Jim Bushway, Richard Rootes and Chuck Meyer.

In Nursing Homes:

If you want your name added to our sick list, or if you know of a brother knight who should be added, please send me an email at girtken@sssnet.com or call me at 330-837-6670.

Squires Report

By Mike Szillat, Chief Counselor

The Columbian Squires are pleased to honor Kevin Szillat as the Squire of the Year for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year. He now serves as a counselor for the Squires.

We also welcome our newest members, Gus Garrett and Zachary Bradford, bringing our total to 26!

Our recent pilgrimage to Maria Stein Shrine was a big hit, and after 30+ service hours we are close to finishing scraping and painting the St. Mary statue on the grounds!

1000 Club Calendars

By Matt Meyer, PGK, Chairman

The 2018 Lottery Calendars are ready to buy/sell. You may contact Matt Meyer 330-284-9365 or Gary Lamielle 330-327-7223 to pick up calendars. The lottery calendars cost \$30/each and are good for the entire year of 2018. Each calendar has a 3-digit number on it. You win if your number is drawn by the evening Ohio Lottery Pick 3. You can win a minimum of \$50. Each month has a bonus day which gives you a chance of winning \$150, \$200, or \$500. The drawing airs live on channel 5 every evening around 7:28pm, and on Saturdays around 7:50pm during cash explosion. There are over 300 chances to win on each calendar. This is a very important fundraiser that we have been running every year for over 20 years. It helps us keep our council running. We are always looking for new people to sell calendars. There are cash rewards for selling calendars so please get in touch with us to learn more about it.

In Memoriam: Vaughn McCracken

Vaughn McCracken, age 90, of Dover died March 31, 2016 in the Community Hospice House at New Philadelphia. Vaughn retired in 1985 from the Shipping Department at the Eaton Corporation in Massillon following 44 years of service. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Eva. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dover. He was a Life Member of the former Dover Elks, Dover VFW, D.A.V. in Massillon, Dover Eagles and Moose lodges, Dover Army Navy Club, 40 et 8, Charles Hofer Post of the American Legion where he served as Commander, and the Massillon Knights of Columbus. Vaughn served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He is survived by a daughter, Sandy and son Mick.

May he Rest in Peace.

(Editor's note: we recently were made aware of Vaughn's death.)

In Memoriam: Duane P. Ricker

Duane P. Ricker, 81, died on June 25, 2017. He was a 1954 graduate of Central Catholic High School. Duane worked as an Operating Engineer for Boger Contracting and Stark County Engineers. He was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey; his children, Mike, Todd, Missy, Dan and Randy.

May he Rest in Peace.

(Editor's note: we recently were made aware of Duane's death.)

In Memoriam: William Aman

William L. Aman, age 73, passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Bill was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Korea. He was a business owner and mechanic and retired in 2008 from Aman Auto Service. More recently he was employed as a driver at Spitzer Chevrolet and served Massillon as a Councilman for Ward 2.

Bill was a member of St. Mary Church, K of C Council #554, Sons and Daughters of Herman Schiller Lodge, a lifetime member of VFW Post 3124 and Massillon Moose.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Bonnie (Faber) Aman, and daughter, Patty.

May he Rest in Peace!

In Memoriam: George Suma

George W. Suma, 74, of Canton, passed away on March 30, 2017. He was employed as a grinder in the steel mill division of the Timken Co., of Canton, for 37 years retiring in 2001. George was a member of St. George Romanian Catholic Cathedral of Canton and its Carpathian Men's Club, Knights of Columbus Council #554 of Massillon, Canton Lincoln Alumni Association and served in the U.S. Army as a SP4 in Germany.

George is survived by his wife, Rodica and; son, Christopher.

May he Rest in Peace.

(Editor's note: we recently were made aware of George's death.)

The Massillon Knights Foundation

Foundation Trustees 2017 – 2018 Paul Lambert (President), James Brelish (Treasurer), Bill Shane (Vice President), Jeff Heitger (Secretary), Ron Kurpieski, Dave Cowley, Jim Sieber, Bob Catazaro, John Williams

Foundation Report

By Paul Lambert, President

Can you believe it is almost time for the Holidays? Also, please remember to check in with your neighbors to make sure they are okay.

Just a reminder that we will not be having our Tuesday night dinners for the months of November and December. We will resume the dinners third Tuesday in January which will be City Chicken. More detail to following January. Thanks for everyone who supported our first two dinners. Hope to see everyone after the first of the year.

I had to put a few things on hold that we were going to try to get done before winter due to some personal problems at home. I thank everyone for their prayers and everything is getting back to normal.



KITCHEN HOURS

Wed, Thurs, Sat, 5 to 8 p.m.,
...Fridays - 4 to 8 p.m.

FISH FRY'S
Every Friday
in our Clubroom

Complex Manager's Report

By Mary Ann Cowley

Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! Here is hoping the New Year brings you all much happiness and good health.

Bloodmobile will be at our Complex on Wednesday, November 8th... 1:00 - 6 p.m.

Nite at the Races - Saturday, November 11th with co/sponsor Massillon Tiger High School Cheerleaders. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased in advance by calling 330-837-9101, to reserve them now and pick up at the door or beforehand in the office. We do sell a few tickets at the door, but the seating is assigned and if you have a big party, we ask that you purchase in advance to make sure you can all sit together. The NEW price this year is \$15.00 for a one trip buffet and Open Bar. Please help us and support these fundraisers, it helps us as well as our co-sponsors. Thanks!

Tailgate Parties - for November are Nov. 12, 19, 26. Thanks to all of you who keep coming every Sunday to support your Cleveland Browns, it's very hard some of these Sundays, but we still get our die hards! Doors open at 12 Noon.

Wing It - the 3 Piece Acoustic guitar band - will be performing in our Clubroom on November 14th from 8 to 11 p.m. These guys are a great harmonizing band, you don't want to miss them. C'mon out and support us, would love to have a great crowd. No Cover Charge

No Thanksgiving buffet this year the club will be closed Thursday, November 23rd. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Enjoy the day with your families.

Clubroom will be closed the following days for Christmas and New Years:

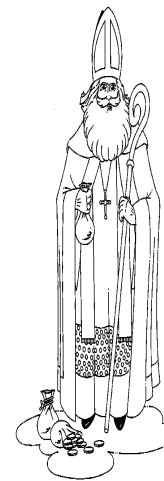
Monday, December 25th (No Bingo either)

No New Year's Eve Party either on Sunday, Dec. 31st. We have had a New Year's Eve party in the clubroom the last few years, but we only get a hand full of people and the same ones. So this year we are taking a break from it, and who knows, we may try in again in 2018. Thanks!

Monday - January 1, 2018 and no Bingo

MKF Building Fund Dinner - Tuesday, January 16. City Chicken, more details at a later date. Serving 5 to 7 p.m.

Breakfast with St. Nick



Come join us on Saturday, Dec 16 for our annual St. Nick event for children and families! Doors open at 9:45 AM, and the program & breakfast will run from 10:00 to 11:30am Please RSVP to Mike Szillat at..... mikeszillat@gmail.com or (330) 268-9879 (texts preferred). Reply with number of adults, and number of children with their ages & gender. Children 12 and under will receive a gift presented by our special guest!

MASSILLON K of C BINGO

Every Monday Night 7PM
Doors open at 4:30 PM
ALL PAPER GAMES

Bishop Massillon Assembly Fourth Degree

Faithful Friar	Fr. Raymond Paul 833-2607	Faithful Navigator	Matthew Meyer 284-9365
Faithful Purser	Edward Shuman 854-3691	Faithful Inner Sentinel	Charles Meyer 833-0593
Faithful Captain	Leonard Hughes 834-7638	Faithful Outer Sentinel	Jim Coughlin
Faithful Admiral	Paul Haig, PFN 837-1185	Faithful 1-year Trustee	Frank Csipke, PFN 833-6176
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Faithful Pilot	Roger Piper 936-0974	Faithful 3-year Trustee	James Sieber 478-2363
Faithful Scribe	Phil Glatz 844-5330	Commander	James Sieber, PFN 478-2363

Faithful Navigator's Report

By Matt Meyer, Faithful Navigator

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the gun show. The next show is April 7th and 8th of 2018.

Our Annual Christmas Ball will be held on December 2nd. Tickets are still \$60 per couple and the band Timeless lead by the legendary Steve Dallas will be playing. It is a formal event so a suit and tie or tuxedo are required. You have a choice of steak, chicken, scrod, or pork chop. It is an open bar. Tickets can be obtained at the bar or from a 4th degree officer.

The following Tuesday will be our Tom and Jerry night on December 5th so make plans to come out for that night. I received an email from our Master that said the new uniform will only be available through Knights Gear. I had mentioned that Tuxedo Junction may be able to come up with the uniform, but it sounds like the patches for the sport coat and beret are exclusive to the Knights Gear website. The 25% discount was extended to the end of October. I do not know if they will have another discount on it in the future.

I want to welcome new member, David Bratton, who made his 4th degree on October 28th at St. Hillary in Fairlawn. Congratulations and welcome!

Columbian Ladies Guild,

By Darlene Catazaro, President.

Mark your calendar! There will not be a scheduled November meeting. We will be participating in the Memorial Mass on November 28th, please plan to attend to help us remember and pray for our past member.

The December Christmas party is scheduled for December 19th, doors open at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. The menu choice will be Chicken, Swiss Steak or Scrod, the cost will be \$10.00 each meal. You must RSVP with menu choice by December 12th to Mickey Catazaro at 330 478-2264.

Bishop Massillon Assembly's Annual



"Christmas Ball"

Saturday, December 2, 2017
 Cocktails at 6 PM Dinner at 7
 Choice of Steak, Broiled Scrod,
 Chicken or Pork Chops
Open Bar and Dancing to
"Timeless"
Cost \$60 / couple
 Tickets available in Clubroom
 or from any 4th Degree Member.



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